

REMARKS

The withdrawal of claims 8-11 is noted.

Claims 5 and 7 were objected to for various informalities. In addition claims 1 and 5-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1, and 5-7 have now been amended to overcome the objection and rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph taking particular note of the Examiner's comments.

Claims 1, 3 and 5-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gilson (U.S. Patent No. 6,336,934) in view of Gleenhalgh (U.S. Patent No. 6,375,670). The rejection of the claims is traversed.

The Examiner cited "mesh size of the material decreasing toward the central part of the concave" as the teaching of Gilson, but in view of Fig. 11 of Gilson, it does not appear to show "decreasing toward the central part of the concave".

Furthermore, Gilson and Gleenhalgh do not appear to teach "mesh size of the material decreasing toward the central part of the concave" in their descriptions.

In contrast, the present invention features that the mesh size of a meshed material decreases toward a central part of the concave which is the farther end direction and thus it provides a wire for insertion into intravital tracts whose diameter can be reduced without sacrificing the smoothness of the stream within the tract.

Therefore, it is believed that the present invention is quite different in configuration from the cited documents and will be neither anticipated by nor rendered obvious over the teaching of the references.

It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment traverses and overcomes all of the Examiner's objections and rejections to the application as originally filed. It is further submitted that this Amendment has antecedent basis in the application as originally filed, including the specification, claims and drawings, and that this Amendment does not add any new subject matter to the application.

Reconsideration of the application as amended is requested. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment places this application in suitable condition for allowance; notice of which is requested.

If the Examiner feels that prosecution of the present application can be expedited by way of an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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